



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Holcomb et al.	Examiner:	Gregory J. Strimbu
Serial No.:	09/815,376	Group Art Unit:	3634
Filed:	March 21, 2001		
For:	COMBINATION DIFFERENTIAL AND ABSOLUTE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FOR LOAD LOCK CONTROL	Docket No.	16458-050 (MKSI.50USU1)

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183 TO SUSPEND 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) TO THE  
EXTENT IT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW SUBMISSION OF THE  
REFERENCE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (a)(5) TO BE ACCEPTED ONLY  
"DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE LATER FILED APPLICATION" IN ORDER  
TO ACCEPT POST ISSUANCE AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET SHOWING THE SPECIFIC  
REFERENCE TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 119(e), WHERE  
THE PRIORITY CLAIM IS ALREADY CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION IN A  
MANNER THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF 35 USC 119(e), AND  
WITHOUT REQUIRING A PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a) AND SURCHARGE  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(t)

OR, ALTERNATIVELY,

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 USC 120

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These petitions are made in the alternative because of the particular facts involved:

A.) In the first Office Action, the Examiner in this application explicitly acknowledged the applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to a provisional application. (See Exhibit J).

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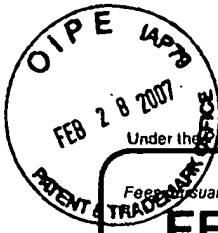
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letter), and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the first filing receipt, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) are not required. Applicant is still required to submit the reference in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a) by filing an amendment to the first sentence(s) of the specification or an ADS.” [emphasis added]

10. If the Examiner had included the Form 2.15 or 2.16 notice according to M.P.E.P. 201.11 III. E. in the first or any subsequent Office action, the applicants would surely have responded with an amendment in the first line of the specification or with a Supplemental Application Data Sheet to comply with 37 CFR 1.78(a). However, the rule requiring the specific reference to be in the application data sheet or in the first sentence of the specification after the title went into effect less than four months before this application was filed and applicant’s attorney was unaware of it at the time, so, with the Examiner’s explicit acknowledgment of the domestic priority claim in the first Office action, as explained in paragraph 8 above, and because of his failure to include the form paragraph 2.15 or 2.16 according to M.P.E.P. 201.11 III. E. in the first or any subsequent Office action to call the applicant’s attention to the requirement for inclusion of the reference to the prior application in the specification or in an application data sheet, applicants believed the priority claim to the provisional application had been perfected and no further attention was given to this issue by either the Examiner or the applicants during the remaining prosecution of this patent application, and it issued as United States Patent No. U.S. 7,076,920 on July 18, 2006.

11. In January 2007, the applicants’ attorney noticed that the front page (page 1) of the issued patent did not have the Related U.S. Application Data with a reference to the prior-filed application, as was included on the first page of the published patent application (see paragraph 6 above). Further investigation then revealed that references to the prior-filed application were included in the Transmittal Letter (Exhibit C) and in the Declaration for Patent Application (Exhibit E), but not in the specification or in an application data sheet. Further legal research and study, including numerous calls to the Patent Office, including the Examiner, the Office of Legal Administration, and the Petitions Office lead to the preparation and filing of these petitions.

M.) The statutes U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120, both provide that the Director may establish procedures, including the payment of a surcharge, to accept unintentionally delayed submission of an amendment under that subsection or section. The provision in M.P.E.P. 201.11 III. E. that examiners should notify the applicant of the rule requirement for the reference if missing and to do so with the wording of form paragraphs 2.15 or 2.16 is a part of such procedures established by the Director toward that end. The failure of the Patent Office to follow those M.P.E.P. 201.11 III. E. procedures in this case contributed to the specific reference for the priority claim not getting placed on one of the specific documents required by the Director’s rule in 37 CFR 1.78(a), and it probably also contributed to the applicant’s domestic priority claim not getting printed on the first sheet of the issued patent, as it should have been, after it was specifically acknowledged by the Examiner as being contained in the application.



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**For FY 2007**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 400.00

**Complete if Known**

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
<b>Indep. Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
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